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ON THE ROAD AT EASTER

Over 3,500 persons, mostly teenagers and college students, gathered ear United Nations headquarters in New York on April 1, in the culmination of eace walks from Wrightstown, N.J., and Kittery, Maine. Footsore but undaunted, ey passed, in their route of march, a silent prayer vigil of 200 Quakers at the rmed Forces recruiting booth in Times Square. Members of the Fellowship of econciliation, including four from the national office, were in evidence among oth speakers and walkers, together ith members of New York and New ersey SANE and other groups.

Throughout the country and around ne world men and women, preponderntly young people, marched for peace t Easter -- a time especially appropriate, since it commemorates man's vercoming the world by faith in a God ho is love.

In San Francisco, over 2,000 young eople marched; in Chicago 1,500 joined n a rally. In City Hall Park, Seattle, eteran Socialist leader Norman Thoms addressed a rain-soaked rally of 250. n Philadelphia, 22 men and women (see hoto at right) carried placards oppoite the General Electric missile plant, hile eight others in Washington, D.C., icketed the main entrance of the entagon..

In London, bad weather slashed atendance at the Trafalgar Square rally n April 3 to less than a third of last ear's turnout. Many of the 30,000 demnstrators had walked all the way from ldermaston and Wethersfield, about ifty miles from London. Demonstrators heered such speakers as Bertrand Russell, Canon L. John Collins and Mihael Foot who called for an end to uclear weapons. Afterward, the crowd tood in hushed silence in memory of he atomic bombing of Hiroshima and agasaki.

That might seem like a good ending or the rally. But thousands of the Nulear Disarmament campaigners marched gain, from Trafalgar to Grosvenor

Pickets protest nuclear arms race opposite General Electric missile plant in Philadelphia.

Square, where they staged a sit-down in front of the new U.S. Embassy building in protest against the Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch, Scotland. Thirty of them were arrested and Canon Collins termed the sit-down "unfortu- and irresponsible."

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Twenty-two other members of the direct action wing of the movement set out on a 550-mile protest march to the U.S. Navy anchorage at Holy Loch.

Meanwhile, other demonstrations were held in other cities, other countries. The weeks-long Transcontinental Peace Walk headed for Gary, Ind. President Kennedy, having launched the Peace Corps, added another $2 billion to an already beefy arms budget, and the world rocked a little closer to disaster.

Millions of men under arms, a few thousand afoot in protest. Jesus began with twelve unarmed men and set out on the conquest of the world by love. The road is a long and hard one, but while thousands — or even a dozen — continue to walk, there is hope.

Highlander Ordered Closed

The Tennessee Supreme Court on April 5 ordered the closing of Highlander Folk School, an integrated adult educational institution in Monteagle, Tenn. The Court approved the revocation of the school's charter, ordered by a lower court, ruling that Miles Horton, director of the school, had operated it for private gain and that intoxicating beverages had been sold there. It did not, however, rule on a third holding of the lower court stating that the school violated state segregation laws.

Highlander, which this year equipped 54 persons to teach reading, writing and the "fundamentals of first-class citizenship," has been training teachers for such groups as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and others.

Group to Protest Civil Defense Drill

A demonstration protesting Operation Alert, the nationwide Civil Defense drill scheduled for April 28, at 4 P.M., will take place again this year at City Hall Park in New York City. Participants will witness to the folly of Civil Defense and urge that effort be expended on peacemaking rather than war preparations. Last year a thousand protesters, many of them mothers with children, participated in the City Hall Park demonstration. Half of the group remained at the Park when the alert sounded, risking arrest for violating the New York Emergency Defense Act which carries a maximum penalty of a year in prison and/or $500 fine for failure to take shelter when ordered.

Persons interested in joining or aiding the protest may contact the Civil Defense Protest Committee, 5 Beekman St., New York 38, N. Y.

OPERATION ALERT

To be alert to the full story of Civil Defense, read Alfred Hassler's fact-packed 16-page article, "Neither Run Nor Hide," in the May 1 issue of FELLOWSHIP. Reprints of this article, at 15¢ each, are available now -- before the issue itself -- to enable you to distribute them before the nationwide Operation Alert scheduled for April 28.

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NEWS from the peace front

A group of specially trained volunteers will make a nonviolent attempt to complete the integration of bus service and related public accommodations in the Deep South next month. The move, called Freedom Ride 1961, will start in Washington, D.C., on May 2 and end in New Orleans two weeks later. Participants will challenge segregation in the buses themselves, in restaurants and in rest rooms. The project, sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality, also includes mass meetings and rallies in cities and colleges along the route. Team members will seek to inspire local nonviolent action "to remove the sin of segregation from our society," according to CORE Director James Farmer, who will lead the group.

In 1947, CORE joined with the FOR to sponsor a similar "Journey of Reconciliation" through the Upper South to test enforcement of the Irene Morgan decision barring discrimination in interstate travel.

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A three-man commission of the Negro Baptist Convention left for Liberia last month to establish a "miniature peace corps" there. The delegation, representing one of the largest Negro denominations in the U.S., hopes to assist the country's economic development by acquiring 5,000 acres of land in Liberia and encouraging American Negroes with needed technical skills to settle on them. Efforts will be made to interest Negroes of many Christian denominations, especially those who are specialists in farming and light industry.

Persons interested in joining the Peace Corps recently instituted by the Kennedy Administration can receive guidance on how they may best serve by writing to Heifer Project Inc., Box 125, North Manchester, Ind.

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An article urging Germans and non-Germans alike to "realize our co-esponsibility" for the plight of the Jews during the Nazi era appeared in the church magazine, *Die Stimme der Gemeinde,* in Darmstadt, Germany, last month. Written by FOR member Heinrich Grüber, a leading German church leader, the article concerned Adolph Eichmann, former SS officer now on trial for organizing and carrying out the systematic extermination of millions of Jews. Grüber stressed the guilt of all nations in not providing adequate immigration quotas for Jews seeking refuge from the Nazis. "At that time," Grüber maintained, "we knocked at the door of almost every government, or asked our friends to do so. But apart from individual cases, no help was forthcoming."

During the Nazi regime, Grüber was sent to Dachau concentration camp for helping Jews to emigrate. His story is told in Allan A. Hunter's *Christians in the Arena* (Fellowship $1.50).

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A petition urging opposition to plans by the Air Force to make central New England a "bristling missile base" was circulated in that region last month by the Greater Boston SANE, the Boston Committee for Disarmament and the Massachusetts Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The petition was issued in response to an Air Force announcement in January calling for the establishment of 150 intercontinental missile sites "no less than 10 miles apart--stretching from northern Massachusetts to southern Maine."

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British FOR member and founder of Scotland's Iona Community, George Macleod, declared last month that only the Christian Church, "by recovering its ancient ministry of reconciliation," can break the paralysis of fear gripping today's world. Addressing a group in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Macleod stressed that Christians should be active peacemakers in all fields, including international affairs and industrial relations.

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Duke University in Durham, N.C., announced last month that it will admit Negroes to its graduate and professional schools for the first time beginning next September. Meanwhile, students at the Colleges of Arts and Sciences of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., voted last month to keep the campus segregated. The vote, a narrow 470 to 443, ran contrary to a recent campus newspaper editorial demanding the admission of Negroes "as soon as it is legally and practically feasible."

LIT-NOTES

On hand: Community of Fear by Harrison Brown and James Real. This 40-page pamphlet, which reveals and explains the "terrifying dimensions of destruction that thermonuclear weapons have reached," should be read and studied by every thoughtful American. Price: 25¢. Order from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Permanent Peace, a 32-page pamphlet by Walter Millis, outlines a theory of national and international power in an attempt to "open the ways through many of the dilemmas which now make the transition to a demilitarized or warless world appear to be so impossible." Price: 25¢. Order from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 28. Civil Defense protest at City Hall Park in New York City. Participants should arrive at the Park by 3:30 p.m.

April 28-29. FOR Midwest Annual Conference at the Elmhurst Methodist Church, 232 S. York St., Elmhurst, Ill. For information write: Alfred Ames, 734 Noyes St., Evanston, Ill.

May 25. New York FOR dinner at Christ Church (Methodist), 530 Park Ave., N.Y. For reservations write: A.J. Muste, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y.

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